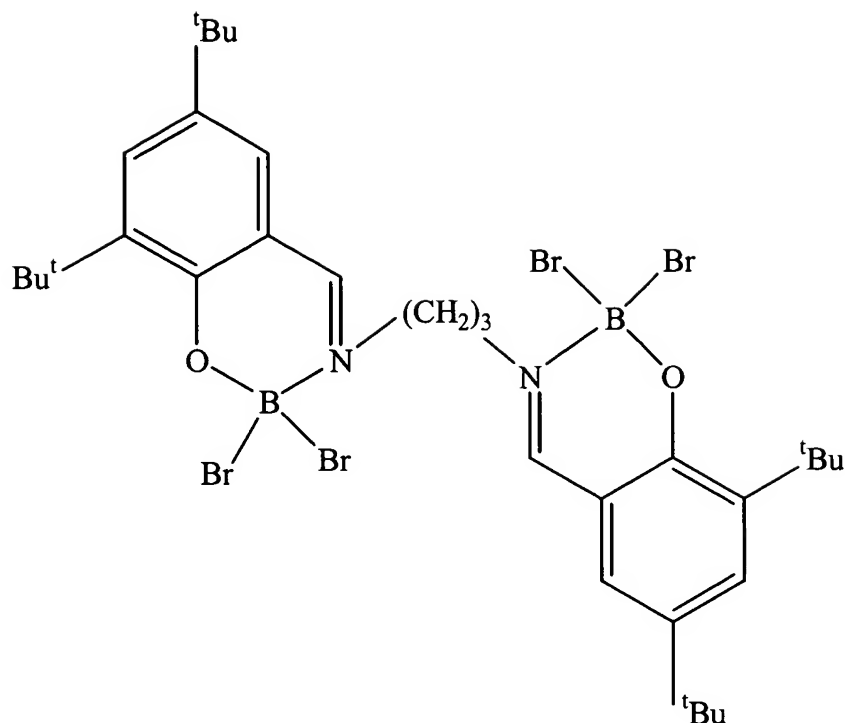


REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement dated May 9, 2005.

As a preliminary matter, it is noted that the foregoing amendments to the Specification and claims are presented to correct a transcription error noted in the application. Specifically, it is noted that at certain points in the specification and claims, it was erroneously stated that Y is selected from the halide group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine, and X is selected from the Group 13 elements consisting of boron, aluminum, gallium, indium, and tellurium. As clearly indicated at, for example, page 4, lines 9-13, page 8, lines 2-19 and in original claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 28, and 29, Y is selected from Group 13 elements, and X is selected from halides. Entry of these amendments, and examination of the application on the basis of the amended claims, is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects the Examiner's Group I (claims 1-9) for continued prosecution in the above-referenced application. As to the species restriction imposed by Examiner Solola, the Applicant responds by electing a representative composition having the general formula $L\{YX_m\}_n$ wherein Y is boron, X is bromine, and L is salpen(tBu). The structure of the elected representative species ((salpen(tBu))[(BBr₂)]₂)) is provided below in response to the Examiner's request, to show the attachment point of each substituent in the elected compound.



It is believed that the foregoing election satisfactorily addresses the issues raised in the restriction requirement. However, if any additional preliminary matters require further attention, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number of record in order to expedite the prosecution of this patent application.

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